

PARTNERS IN AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE CONSERVATION NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, Maryland

October 13-15, 2000

Set-up Committee: Robin Jung (USGS-Patuxent), Laura Mazanti (NRCS-Wetland Science Inst.-Patuxent), Scott Smith (MD DNR - Wildlife & Heritage Div.), Linda Weir (USGS-Patuxent, University of Maryland); Advisor, Al Breisch (NY Dept. of Env. Conservation)

Agenda

Friday October 13 (Gabrielson 2nd Floor Conference Room, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Res. Ctr.)

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| 12 PM | <u>Registration</u> | |
| 1 PM | <u>Welcome</u> | Marshall Howe, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center |
| 1:05 PM | <u>Introductions</u> | Linda Weir, USGS and University of Maryland |
| 1:20 PM | <u>In Memoriam: Dr. Laura Mazanti</u> | Billy Teels, USDA Wetlands Science Institute |
| 1:25 PM | <u>Agenda Review</u> | Scott Smith, MD DNR |
| 1:30 PM | <u>Progress Reports on NY Action Items</u> | |
| | - NY Meeting Summary | Al Breisch, NY DEC |
| | - various action item updates | speakers to be determined |
| | - update from National PARC | Eric Stiles, NJ FGW |
| | - NEPARC Organizational Structure (intro) | Eric Stiles, NJ FGW |
| 3:00 PM | Break (beverages and snacks) | |
| 3:20 PM | <u>Land Conservation Opportunities for Herps</u> | Glenn Therres MD DNR
(talks 10-15 min & 5 min Q & A; 20 min total) |

3:20-3:40	- NRCS Habitat Programs	Charles Rewa, NRCS
3:40-4:00	- TNC's Crescent Preserve Project	John Bender, TNC
4:00-4:20	- Project Bog Turtle	Ann Somers, UNC-Greensboro
4:20-4:40	- Conservation International Projects	Kurt Buhlmann, Conserv. Int'l.
4:40-5:00	- State Programs: New Jersey	Larry Niles, NJ FGW
5-5:30	Group Discussion on Possible Action Items (e.g., a list of Land Conservation opportunities for Herps in NE) led by Glenn Therres	
5:30 PM	<u>Meeting adjourns for day</u> - informal dinner gatherings (you are on your own)	

Saturday October 14 (Gabrielson 2nd Floor Conference Rm, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Res. Ctr.)

8 AM	Continental Breakfast	
8:30 AM	<u>Herp Inventory & Monitoring</u>	Linda Weir, USGS and University of Maryland (talks 10-15 min & 5 min Q & A; 20 min total per)
8:30-8:50	- North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP) Overview	Linda Weir, USGS and University of Maryland
8:50-9:10	- Dept. of Defense (DOD) Lands Inventory	Joe Mitchell, Univ. Richmond
9:10-9:30	-Amphibian & Reptile Monitoring on Dept. of Interior Lands (ARMI)	Robin Jung, USGS
9:30-9:45	Break (beverages and snacks)	
9:45-10:05	-State Herp Atlas projects	Al Breisch, NY DEC
10:05-10:25	-GAP Analysis Projects, Herp Inventories & Conservation Planning	Charles Smith, Cornell University
10:25-11:00	Group Discussion on Possible Action Items (e.g., list of I & M in NE?) led by Linda Weir	
11:00-12:00	<u>NEPARC Organizational Structure</u>	Eric Stiles, NJ FGW

- 12:00 PM **Catered Lunch**
- 1-1:30 PM **NEPARC Education/Outreach Efforts** Stafford Madison, EPA
- 1:30-2:15 Education/Outreach Group Discussion (Identify Action Items) led by Stafford Madison
- 2:15 PM **Species/Groups Risk Assessment** Chris Raitchel, RI DFW
 (Goal: Complete Action Item from NY meeting) Robin Jung, USGS
- 2:15-4:15 Breakout groups by taxonomic group (frog/toad, salamander, turtle, lizard/snake) identifying level of risk from pet trade, habitat fragmentation, pollution and other risks. (No scheduled break but beverages & snacks available).
- 4:15-5:00 Breakout Group Reporting and Discussion
- 5:00 PM End of day's session
- 6:00 PM **Drinks and Socializing @ National Wildlife Visitor's Center**
- 6:30 PM **Catered Dinner @ National Wildlife Visitor's Center**
- 8:00 PM **Talk by Joe Mitchell, Univ. of Richmond @ National Wildlife Visitor's Center: "Herpetological Conservation: Perception vs. Reality"**

Sunday October 15 (Gabrielson 2nd Floor Conference Room, USGS Patuxent Wildlife Res. Ctr.)

- 8 AM Continental Breakfast (catered)
- 8:30 AM **Model Herp Regulations & the Pet Trade** Scott Smith, MD DNR (talks 10-15 min & 5 min Q & A; 20 min total)
 (Finish Action Item from NJ & NY meetings)
- 8:35-8:55 - National & International Trade in Herps Craig Hoover, TRAFFIC
- 8:55-9:15 - Herpetoculturists/Pet Trade Viewpoint Tim Hoen, Mid-Atlantic Reptile Show/MARS Preservation Fund Inc.
- 9:15-9:35 - Law Enforcement Issues speaker to be determined
- 9:35-9:55 - Review of Draft Model State Herp Regs Scott Smith, MD DNR
- 9:55 AM **Break** (beverages and snacks leftover from breakfast)
- 10:15-11:30 - Group Discussion lead by Scott Smith

11:30 AM **Review of Action Items for next meeting** Eric Stiles, NJ FGW

12:00 PM **Wrap-Up: identify host of next meeting** Eric Stiles, NJ FGW

12:15 PM End of Meeting - lunch NOT provided